

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 2; the drawings each have been amended to include a "Prior Art" legend.

Attachment: Submittal of Drawing Replacement Sheets (2)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Examiner Objection – Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner objected to the Information Disclosure Statement filed October 8, 2004, as failing to comply with C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). A supplemental IDS was filed on June 7, 2006 in which a copy of the non-patent literature publication was included. Another copy of the non-patent literature publication that was listed on the IDS is enclosed herewith.

2.) Examiner Objection – Drawings

The Examiner objected to Figures 1 and 2 as requiring a “Prior Art” legend. A correction to the drawings is shown on the enclosed sheets (2). The Examiner's approval of the drawing change is respectfully requested.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 21, 23-27 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beven (US 6,167,036) and further in view of 3GPP Specification TS 25.305 v5.4.0 and Rangarajan, *et al.* (US 6,757,544). The Applicant traverses the rejections.

The Examiner acknowledges that Beven fails to teach methods relating to handover wherein a “cell [is] identifiable by means of a cell Geographical Area Information (GAI).” To overcome the deficiencies of Beven, the Examiner looks to 3GPP TS 25.305 v5.4.0, which describes basic methods for locating a mobile in a cell, and to Rangarajan (U.S. Patent No. 6,757,544), which describes determining a user's position based on cell ID and sector. Neither of those references, however, teach or suggest methods related to a handover procedure that is a function of a cell GAI transmitted from a second radio network controlling unit that controls the resources of a radio base station to a first radio network controlling unit that controls the connection of the radio base station to a mobile station. The Examiner provides no rationale for combining the references, much less showing how such combination would result in the claimed invention. Therefore, the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of

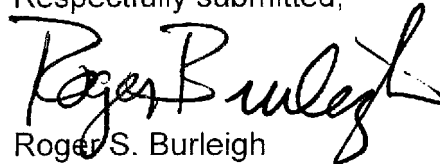
obviousness of claims 21 and 29. Whereas claims 22-28 are dependent from claim 21, and include the limitations thereof, the Examiner has also failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness of those claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all objections/rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 21-29.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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